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C O N F I D E N T I A L BUCHAREST 5195

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CPAS, RO (MACINIC, DOREL)

SUBJECT: ATTEMPTED CONSULAR VISIT

REF: BUCHAREST 5130

1. CONSOFF WILLIAMS ATTEMPTED TO VISIT MACINIC WITHOUT SUCCESS SEPTEMBER 6. MRS. MACINIC HAD ATTEMPTED EARLIER IN DAY AT PROCURATURA TO OBTAIN PERMISSION TO VISIT AND WAS REFERRED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE JUDECATURA. AT INTERVIEW WITH LATTER, HE STATED THAT MATTER OUT OF HIS HANDS AND REFERRED US TO PRISON COMMANDANT. (PRESIDENT QUOTED LAW AS STATING ONCE PRISONER ON TRIAL DOCKET ONLY PRISON COMMANDANT HAS AUTHORITY TO ISSUE VISITING PRIVILEGES. MRS. MACINIC, HOWEVER, HAD RECEIVED PERMISSION FROM PROCURATURA WEEK BEFORE TO VISIT HUSBAND.) AT PRISON, CONSOFF DENIED ENTRANCE. MRS. MACINIC CALLED INTO ROOM WITH COMMANDANT AND THREE OTHERS. AFTER ESTABLISHING CONSOFF'S CITIZENSHIP AND OFFICIAL STATUS, COMMANDANT TOLD MRS. MACINIC THAT CONSOFF SHOULD TAKE PERMISSION FROM MININTERIOR (MRS. MACINIC STATED SHE UNAWARE IF CONSOFF HAD PERMISSION) TO PROCURATURA, WHO WOULD THEN DECIDE IF CONSOFF TO BE ALLOWED TO VISIT. SINCE CONSOFF HAD NO SUCH PERMISSION, NO ATTEMPT MADE AT PROCURATURA TO PURSUE MATTER.

2. CONSOFF IMPRESSION IS THAT LOCAL OFFICIALS AFRAID TO ISSUE VISITING PRIVILEGES TO FOREIGN OFFICIAL WITHOUT
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GO-AHEAD FROM MININTERIOR. THUS, AS HAPPENED IN

THIS CASE, MININTERIOR DOES NOT HAVE TO OFFICIALLY DENY
ACCESS, BUT CAN SIMPLY REFUSE TO GIVE PERMISSION.

3. AWAITING RESPONSE TO BUCHAREST 5130 BEFORE TAKING
ANY FURTHER ACTION.
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